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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Patent Application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

--5. (Amended) The digital information input system according to claim 1,
wherein the electronic information terminal device has at least one of the following functions:
displaying and saving the digital information returned from the server as a file such
as an image file or a text file;
playing and saving the digital information as a file such as a sound file; or
providing information on an electronic information web by using a link of the digital
information.--

--6. (Amended) The digital information input system according to claim 1,
wherein the digital information includes URL.--

Please add claims 9 and 10 as follows:

--9 The digital information input system according to claim 3, wherein the electronic information terminal device has at least one of the following functions:

displaying and saving the digital information returned from the server as a file such as an image file or a text file;

playing and saving the digital information as a file such as a sound file; or

providing information on an electronic information web by using a link of the digital information.--

--10. The digital information input system according to claim 3, wherein the digital information includes URL.--

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependent character of claims 5 and 6 and to add two new claims to cover the scope of the former multiple dependent claims. Attached hereto is a marked up copy of the amended claims and a clean version of all pending claims. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and examination on the merits and consideration is respectfully requested.

The filing fee of this application is based on the claims as amended.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

--5. (Amended) The digital information input system according to claim 1[or 3], wherein the electronic information terminal device has at least one of the following functions[which are]:

displaying and saving the digital information returned from the server as a file such as an image file or a text file;

playing and saving the digital information as a file such as a sound file;

or

providing information on an electronic information web by using a link of the digital information. --

-- 6. (Amended) The digital information input system according to claim 1[or 3], wherein the digital information includes URL.--

CLEAN VERSION OF ALL PENDING CLAIMS

1. A digital information input system comprising:

an electronic information terminal device for inputting code information regarding a search targeted article or the like and for sending data including the code information; and

a server for returning, to the digital information terminal device, digital information corresponding to the code information based on the data transmitted from the electronic information terminal device,

wherein the electronic information terminal device sends the data including the code information regarding the search targeted article or the like and allows use of the digital information transmitted from the server after the code information regarding the search targeted article and the like is inputted.

2. The digital information input system according to claim 1,

wherein the electronic information terminal device has an infrared reading portion and serves a portable information terminal device for inputting and reading the code information via the infrared reading portion.

3. A digital information input system comprising:

an electronic information terminal device capable of sending data including a search targeted phone number; and

a server for returning, to the digital information terminal device, a digital information corresponding to the search targeted phone number included in the data transmitted from the electronic information terminal device,

wherein the electronic information terminal device sends the data including the phone number regarding the search targeted article or the like and enables use of the digital information sent from the server.

4. The digital information input system according to claim 3, wherein the electronic information terminal device is a portable information terminal device capable of entering dial numbers.

5. The digital information input system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic information terminal device has at least one of the following functions:

displaying and saving the digital information returned from the server as a file such as an image file or a text file;

playing and saving the digital information as a file such as a sound file;
or

providing information on an electronic information web by using a link of the digital information.

6. The digital information input system according to claim 1, wherein the digital information includes URL.

7. A digital information input system applying digital information to an article or the like by using a readable transparent ink, wherein the transparent ink is read by a transparent ink readable reading device loaded or connected to an electronic information terminal device

for reading digital information in a form of the transparent ink so as to obtain information regarding the article or the like.

8. The digital information input system according to claim 7, wherein the transparent ink is an ion ink or an infrared absorbing ink.

9. The digital information input system according to claim 3, wherein the electronic information terminal device has at least one of the following functions:

displaying and saving the digital information returned from the server as a file such as an image file or a text file;

playing and saving the digital information as a file such as a sound file;
or

providing information on an electronic information web by using a link of the digital information.

10. The digital information input system according to claim 3, wherein the digital information includes URL.